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SUBJECT: PROVISIONAL RESULTS GIVE KABILA WIN IN DRC  
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

¶1. (U) The DRC Independent Electoral Commission (CEI) released provisional results of the October 29 presidential runoff giving Transitional President Joseph Kabila a victory over Vice President Jean-Pierre Bemba by 58.05 to 41.95 percent. CEI President Apollinaire Malu Malu announced the results November 15 in a 30-minute pre-recorded message broadcast on national radio and television beginning at 1945.

¶2. (U) In remarks broadcast following the announcement, Kabila called for national reconciliation and pledged to work to reconstruct the country after years of war and a three-year transitional government.

¶3. (U) Kinshasa remained calm following the announcement, with some celebrations by Kabila partisans but no reports of security incidents. Streets in downtown Kinshasa are relatively empty this morning, but there have been reports of rock-throwing by gangs of unemployed vagrants known locally as "shegue." Anecdotal reports from Bemba strongholds in Gbadolite and Mbandaka in Equateur and Mbuji-Mayi in Eastern Kasai indicate no protests or problems.

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